

John Probyn Travis

August 27, 1923 – March 24, 2013

Rev. John Probyn Travis died peacefully on Palm Sunday, March 24. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, and is survived by their daughters, Deirdre (Peter) and Gaye; their son, Dermot; grandchildren, Sarah, Simon, Travis and Christopher, and his sister, Betty in Plymouth, England.

John was born in Swansea, Wales in 1923. After wartime service with the RAFVR, John studied theology at New College, London, and was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational Church in Huddersfield, England in 1948, the year he and Elizabeth were married. In 1951 John received a call to enter the ministry of the United Church of Canada and thus began the biggest and happiest adventure of their lives. He and Elizabeth moved across Canada as he served charges in Northport (NS), Franklin Centre (PQ), Rundle Memorial United Church, Banff, Centennial United Church, Victoria, Central United Church, Edmonton, and St. Andrew's United Church, Maple Ridge. In retirement he volunteered as a senior citizens counsellor.

Before he died John wrote, "I am thankful for having had a remarkably good life and gratefully acknowledge those still with us and those who are part of the 'unseen cloud of witnesses' for all they have contributed to my physical, intellectual, and spiritual well being – not least among whom has been my wife, Elizabeth."

A celebration of thanksgiving for his life will be held on Monday, April 8, at 2:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St. at Rockland Ave., [Victoria](#). If desired a donation may be made to the Victoria Parkinson's Centre, 813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria V8X 2X7 (www.vepc.bc.ca) or Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (www.msf.ca)

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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